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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re: Viatcheslav Dmitrievich Confirmation No: 2898  
Shapovalov et al.

Application No: 10/540,662 Art Unit: 1793

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For: Method for Processing Sulfide  
Minerals and Concentrates

Customer No.: 29127

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In the above-identified patent application and in response to the pending final Office Action, mailed October 14, 2008, (Paper No. 20081005) and Advisory Action, mailed November 20, 2008, (Paper No. 20081117) a Request for Continued Examination is hereby made. Accordingly, entry of the following amendments and reconsideration are requested in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification are set forth in the Amendments to Specification section.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in the Amendments to the Claims section.

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Reconsideration is requested in view of the remarks set forth in  
Remarks/Arguments section.